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15 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
16 **FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**
17 **AT SPOKANE**

18 SULEIMAN ABDULLAH SALIM,
MOHAMED AHMED BEN SOUD,
19 OBAID ULLAH (as personal
representative of GUL RAHMAN),

21 Plaintiffs,

22 vs.

23 JAMES ELMER MITCHELL and
JOHN "BRUCE" JESSEN,

25 Defendants.

17 NO. 2:15-CV-286-JLQ

18 **DECLARATION OF**
19 **CHRISTOPHER W.**
20 **TOMPKINS IN SUPPORT OF**
21 **DEFENDANTS' UNOPPOSED**
22 **MOTION TO EXPEDITE**
23 **CONSIDERATION OF**
24 **PENDING MOTION**

26 DECLARATION OF CHRISTOPHER W.
TOMPKINS IN SUPPORT OF
27 DEFENDANTS' UNOPPOSED MOTION
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I, Christopher W. Tompkins, hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that the following is true and correct and within my personal knowledge:

1. I am over the age of 18, have personal knowledge of all facts contained in this declaration, and am competent to testify as a witness to those facts.

2. I am one of the attorneys representing Defendants, James Elmer Mitchell and John "Bruce" Jessen (collectively, "Defendants") in this action.

3. Plaintiffs and the United States consent to Defendants' Motion and Proposed Order establishing case management procedures.

4. Defendants request expedited consideration of the pending Motion because an expedited decision will give the parties certainty as to the procedures for the United States' review of pleadings and the associated tolling of deadlines prior to the time for Defendants to file their Answer by the June 22 deadline.

5. Counsel for Defendants notified chambers of this motion on June 9, 2016. Plaintiffs and the United States do not oppose the expedited hearing of the unopposed Motion to Establish Case Management Procedures.

s/ Christopher W. Tompkins
Christopher W. Tompkins

Executed this 9th day of June, 2016
at Seattle, Washington.

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